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TOPIC Training of the Engineer Regiment Kietz

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1. On 27 August 1954, approximately 300 KVP engineers constructed a 120-meter bridge from the engineer equipment depot across Kietzer Lake. About 30 steel pontoons with closed upper sides were used. Ferries of two such pontoons, each were built in the engineer camp on the lake. The ferries were fitted with beams on U-shaped irons and were floated into place by two motorboats. The bridge surface was about 80 cm above the water. In the depot, the pontoons were moved by two cranes. The floating from the depot into place took about one hour. For one hour, the bridge was crossed in both directions by three trucks, each occupied by 30 to 35 VPs. Subsequently, the bridge was dismantled and the material shipped back to the depot. A similar bridge was built between 0800 and noon on 3 September. At about 1000, two                      T-34/85 tanks, which had come from the Ferchels-Mahlitz training area, crossed the bridge several times. Approximately 500 VP watched the procedure.
2. On 9 and 16 September, between 60 and 72 VPs with full equipment and machine guns crossed the Kietzer Lake on 12 pneumatic rafts.
3. On 18 September, 40 steel pontoons with closed upper sections, approximately 35 pneumatic rafts, 6 motorboats, 2 crane trucks and piles of beams and logs were stored south of the engineer equipment depot on Kietzer Lake. 25X1

Comment. This KVP engineer regiment apparently was equipped with Soviet TMP-type pontoons.

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